

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

MARK ALLEN and SALVATORE RAPPA,
Individually and On Behalf of All Others
Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PIXARBIO CORPORATION f/k/a BMP
HOLDINGS INC., FRANCIS M.
REYNOLDS, KENNETH A.
STROMSLAND, KATRIN HOLZHAUS,
DAVID A. CASS, DEREK S. BRIDGES, and
LAURA BARKER MORSE,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-00496-CCC-SCM

CLASS ACTION

ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT

On the 13th day of March, 2020 a hearing having been held before this Court to determine:

(1) whether the terms and conditions of the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated September 4, 2019 (the “Settlement Stipulation”) are fair, reasonable and adequate for the settlement of all claims asserted by the Settlement Class directly and by Michael Schnieders derivatively against Defendants (as defined in the Settlement Stipulation), including the release of the Released Claims against the Released Parties, and should be approved; (2) whether judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice; (3) whether to approve the proposed Plan of Allocation as a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among Settlement Class Members; (4) whether and in what amount to award Class Counsel and Derivative Counsel as fees and reimbursement of expenses; and (5) whether and in what amount to award Class Plaintiffs as incentive fees; and

The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise; and

It appearing in the record that the Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Court’s Order Granting Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and Derivative Action Settlement, dated November 18, 2019 (“Preliminary Approval Order”) was mailed to all reasonably identifiable Settlement Class Members and posted to the website of the Claims Administrator, both in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the specifications of the Court; and

It appearing in the record that the Summary Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order was published and emailed to identifiable Settlement Class Members when an email address was provided to the Claims Administrator in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the specifications of the Court;

It appearing in the record that the Summary Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order was published electronically once on the *GlobeNewswire* and in print once in the *Investor's Business Daily*;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. This Order and Final Judgment incorporates by reference the definitions in the Settlement Stipulation, and all capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth therein.

2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Actions, Class Plaintiffs, all Settlement Class Members, Schnieders, and Defendants.

3. The Court finds that, for settlement purposes only, the prerequisites for a class action under Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that:

(a) the number of Settlement Class Members is so numerous that joinder of all members thereof is impracticable;

(b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class;

(c) the claims of the Class Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class they seek to represent;

(d) Class Plaintiffs and Class Counsel fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class;

(e) questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Settlement Class; and

(f) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this Action, considering:

- i. the interests of the Settlement Class Members in individually controlling the prosecution of the separate actions;
- ii. the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by Settlement Class Members;
- iii. the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of these claims in this particular forum; and
- iv. the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the class action.

The Settlement Class is being certified for settlement purposes only.

1. The Court hereby finally certifies this action as a class action for purposes of the Settlement, pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of all Persons (including, without limitation, their beneficiaries) all persons and entities, other than Defendants and their affiliates, who purchased or acquired PixarBio securities: (1) in an offering carried out continuously beginning in December 2015; (2) pursuant and/or traceable to the Company's private placement that closed on October 30, 2016; and/or (3) publicly traded on the open market between October 31, 2016 and January 23, 2017, both dates inclusive. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants and their immediate families, the officers and directors of PixarBio at all relevant times, their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those persons who file valid and timely requests for exclusion in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order.

2. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for the purposes of this Settlement only, Class Plaintiffs are certified as the class representatives on behalf of the Settlement Class (“Class Representatives”) and Lead Counsel and Additional Counsel previously selected by Class Plaintiffs and appointed by the Court is hereby appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class (“Class Counsel”).

3. In accordance with the Court’s Preliminary Approval Order, the Court hereby finds that the forms and methods of notifying the Settlement Class of the Settlement and its terms and conditions met the requirements of due process, Rules 23 and 23.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995; constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constituted due and sufficient notice of these proceedings and the matters set forth herein, including the Settlement and Plan of Allocation, to all persons and entities entitled to such notice. No Settlement Class Member or PixarBio shareholder is relieved from the terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the releases provided for in the Settlement Stipulation, based upon the contention or proof that such Settlement Class Member or PixarBio shareholder failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to the Settlement Class Members and PixarBio shareholders to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, were fully discharged. Thus, it is hereby determined that all Settlement Class Members and PixarBio shareholders are bound by this Order and Final Judgment except those persons listed on Exhibit A to this Order and Final Judgment.

4. The Settlement is approved as fair, reasonable and adequate under Rules 23 and 23.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This Court further finds that the Settlement set forth in the Settlement Stipulation is the result of good faith, arm's-length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of Class Representatives, Settlement Class Members, PixarBio and the other Defendants. The Parties are directed to consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Settlement Stipulation.

5. The Actions and all claims contained therein, as well as all of the Released Claims, are dismissed with prejudice as against Defendants and the Released Parties. The Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Settlement Stipulation.

6. The Releasing Parties, on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, and any other Person claiming (now or in the future) through or on behalf of them, regardless of whether any such Releasing Party ever seeks or obtains by any means, including without limitation by submitting a Proof of Claim and Release Form, any disbursement from the Settlement Fund, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Order and Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Parties. The Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Order and Final Judgment shall have, covenanted not to sue the Released Parties with respect to any and all Released Claims in any forum and in any capacity. The Releasing Parties shall be and hereby are permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any Released Claim, in any capacity, against any of the Released Parties, including Defendants' Counsel. Nothing contained herein shall,

however, bar the Releasing Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of the Settlement Stipulation or this Order and Final Judgment.

7. Defendants, on behalf of themselves and their Related Parties, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged Class Representatives, Settlement Class Members, Schnieders, Class Counsel, Derivative Counsel and their respective Related Parties from all Claims, whether known or unknown, which arise out of, concern or relate to the institution, prosecution, settlement or dismissal of the Actions (the “Defendants’ Released Claims”), and shall be permanently enjoined from prosecuting the Defendants’ Released Claims against Class Representatives, Settlement Class Members, Schnieders Class Counsel, Derivative Counsel and their respective Related Parties. Nothing contained herein shall, however, bar the Defendants or their Related Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of the Settlement Stipulation or this Order and Final Judgment.

8. To the fullest extent permitted by law, all Persons shall be permanently enjoined, barred and restrained from bringing, commencing, prosecuting or asserting any claims, actions, or causes of action for contribution, indemnity or otherwise against any of the Released Parties seeking as damages or otherwise the recovery of all or any part of any liability, judgment or settlement that they pay or are obligated to pay or agree to pay to the Settlement Class or any Settlement Class Member arising out of, relating to or concerning such Persons’ participation in any acts, facts, statements or omissions that were or could have been alleged in the Actions, whether arising under state, federal or foreign law as claims, cross-claims, counterclaims, third-party claims or otherwise, in the Court or any other federal, state, or foreign court, or in any arbitration proceeding, administrative agency proceeding, tribunal, or any other proceeding or

forum. Further, nothing in the Settlement Stipulation or this Order and Final Judgment shall apply to bar or otherwise affect any claim for insurance coverage by any Defendant.

9. The Court hereby finds that the proposed Plan of Allocation is a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among Settlement Class Members, and Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator are directed to administer the Plan of Allocation in accordance with its terms and the terms of the Settlement Stipulation.

10. The Court finds that the Parties and their counsel have complied with all requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Private Securities Litigation Record Act of 1995 as to all proceedings herein.

11. Neither this Order and Final Judgment, the Settlement Stipulation (nor the Settlement contained therein), nor any of its terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations, documents or proceedings connected with them:

(a) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as an admission, concession, or evidence of, the validity or invalidity of any Released Claims, the truth or falsity of any fact alleged by Class Representatives or Schnieders, the sufficiency or deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Actions, or of any wrongdoing, liability, negligence or fault of Defendants, the Released Parties, or each or any of them;

(b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document attributed to, approved or made by Defendants or Released Parties in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal;

(c) is or may be deemed to be or shall be used, offered or received against the Parties, Defendants or the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission,

concession or evidence of the validity or invalidity of the Released Claims, the infirmity or strength of any claim raised in the Actions, the truth or falsity of any fact alleged by Class Representatives, the Settlement Class, or Schnieders, or the availability or lack of availability of meritorious defenses to the claims raised in the Actions;

(d) is or may be deemed to be or shall be construed as or received in evidence as an admission or concession against Defendants, or the Released Parties, or each or any of them, that any of Class Representatives', Settlement Class Members', or Schnieders' claims are with or without merit, that a litigation class should or should not be certified, that damages recoverable in the Actions would have been greater or less than the Settlement Fund or that the consideration to be given pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation represents an amount equal to, less than or greater than the amount that could have or would have been recovered after trial.

12. The Released Parties may file the Settlement Stipulation and/or this Order and Final Judgment in any other action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, full faith and credit, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim. The Parties may file the Settlement Stipulation and/or this Order and Final Judgment in any proceedings that may be necessary to consummate or enforce the Settlement Stipulation, the Settlement, or this Order and Final Judgment.

13. Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Settlement Stipulation, all funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be in *custodia legis* and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds are distributed or returned pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation and/or further order of the Court.

14. Without affecting the finality of this Order and Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties and the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Actions, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation or enforcement of the Settlement Stipulation and this Order and Final Judgment, and including any application for fees and expenses incurred in connection with administering and distributing the Settlement proceeds to the Settlement Class Members.

15. Without further order of the Court, Defendants and Class Representatives may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement Stipulation.


16. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order and Final Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

17. The finality of this Order and Final Judgment shall not be affected, in any manner, by rulings that the Court may make on Class Counsel's and Schnieders' application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses to Class Counsel and Derivative Counsel or awards to Class Representatives and Schnieders.

18. In the event the Settlement is not consummated in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Stipulation, then the Settlement Stipulation and this Order and Final Judgment (including any amendment(s) thereof, and except as expressly provided in the Settlement Stipulation or by order of the Court) shall be null and void, of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any Party, and may not be introduced as evidence or used in any action or proceeding by any Person against the Parties or the Released Parties, and each Party shall be restored to his,

her or its respective litigation positions as they existed prior to September 4, 2019, pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Stipulation.

Dated: March 13, 2020



HON. CLAIRE C. CECCHI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE